

# KITCHEN FIRE IN DESCHUTES RIVER WOOD 2-11-24 (PHOTO)

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Bend Fire Department responded to a reported kitchen fire Sunday evening. Crews were dispatched to Cree Circle in Deschutes River Woods around 5:30pm when the occupant called 911 that his house was on fire. The occupant and his dogs evacuated safely and were not harmed. Fire crews arrived and found the fire was starting to spread to the roof and attic. The fire was quickly knocked down with water from the outside. Crews then worked through the kitchen ceiling to ensure the fire was completely extinguished and secured before leaving the scene.

The owner stated he had been cooking dinner and accidentally left the stove on with the frying pan on the burner. The remaining oil caught fire and spread up through the vent to the attic and roof. The fire damage is estimated at \$15,000. Red Cross was contacted to assist the occupant after the fire.

Cooking fires is the leading cause of home fires in the country. Bend Fire Department reminds everyone to keep a watchful eye on anything you're cooking. By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

## Cook with Caution

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stove top.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking. If you leave the kitchen for even a short time, turn off the stove and oven.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or broiling food, check it regularly; remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Unattended cooking is leading cause of cooking fires in America.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mits, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains – away from the cook top.

## If You Have a Cooking Fire...

- Get out and Stay out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Turn off the stove and oven when you leave if you can do it safely.
- Ensure everyone else in the home is evacuating as well.
- Call 911 immediately.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and calling 911 for you. Ensure you have a clear way out too.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stove top. Leave the pan covered until it's completely cooled!
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

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